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Our Case No. 8285-430

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)		
Gruchala et al.	)		
Serial No.:	)	Examiner:	B. Bui
09/844,716	)		
Filed:	)	Group Art Unit:	2642
April 25, 2001	)		
For:	)		
Method and System for Providing	)		
a Work-at-Home	)		
Telecommunication Service	)		

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181(a) REQUESTING**  
**WITHDRAWAL OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants present the following petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) to request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment for the above-identified patent application.

**I. Statement of Facts**

1. On November 10, 2003, the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed an Office Action.
2. On March 8, 2004, Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination, an Amendment, a one-month extension of time, and the appropriate fees. A copy of that filing is attached at Tab A.
3. Applicants received a stamped postcard showing receipt of the above-mentioned filing by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 12, 2004. A copy of that postcard is attached at Tab B.
4. On July 1, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment for failure to reply to the November 10, 2003 Office Action.

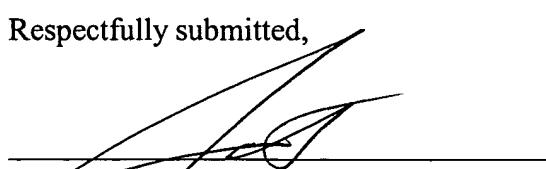
**II. Action Requested**

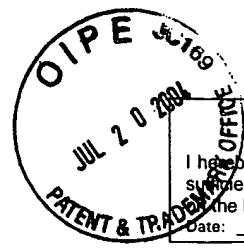
Applicants petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) to request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. The application is not, in fact, abandoned because the March 8, 2004 filing was a timely response to the November 10, 2003 Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Dated: July 14, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

**Attached is/are:**

Transmittal Letter (1 page in duplicate) and Petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) Requesting Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment; (2 pages with Tabs A and B)

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**Fee calculation:**

No additional fee is required.

Small Entity.

An extension fee in an amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_.)

An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Minus	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Not a Small Entity		
					Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total	\$	Total	\$	

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A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Payment by credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Date

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Respectfully submitted,

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